

a lazy man's load," she would chide if we tried to clear all the dishes from the table in one trip.

July 24, 1929 ,Buenos Aires - Dearest Kathie: I just got word from Arthur that he and Sallie are going to be married Labor Day, and after thinking it all over I think it is the best thing in the world, because Arthur needs someone to wake him. Nánnie used to say that he had to be led but I think he has to be pushed. And you know how easy it is for the girls to pull the wool over Arthur's eyes, for example, Milly DeWitt and the other one in Ware that ran away with the baker.

Jobs reigned in our house. Our introduction to earning money came in the form of raking leaves which were in abundance during autumn in Washington D.C. Mother's sewing machine clattered out several long sturdy bags. "Ready for inspection," we called after filling them to the brim. Mother took a look at the overflowing bags. "Why these bags aren't full," she declared bending over and smashing the dry contents to the bottom. "There's lots more room!" This scenario repeated until the penny was well earned.

1928, Havana - And then it will be 'Dottie, lend me some money.' They think I am rolling in money, I guess.

May 7, 1931, Tokyo - We are up before the House for a 15% cut in salary but I think it won't hit me because it is for people making over \$2500 and I haven't had a raise for ages on account of the depression.

At age 10 we were introduced to the typewriter. Mother insisted on several perfect lines of "f,j, space" before playtime. Followup became writing thank-you

notes, of utmost importance in Mother's etiquette book.

Dec. 13, 1929, Buenos Aires - I went swimming Saturday and invited the girl I was going with to come to lunch with me to pay her back for the times I had been invited to her house, but there's no use even trying to pay back down here because we only had a salad and snails and dessert and it cost me \$6. U.S. So that's the first and last time I'm going to try to pay anybody back.

July 1, 1930, Buenos Aires - . . . and if you don't repay people at the boarding house you have to take them to a restaurant and it costs you all outdoors.